

# Wayne Allard

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## **SAND CREEK MASSACRE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BILL SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED TO PEOPLE OF COLORADO**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) said that legislation designating the Sand Creek Massacre site near Eads in southeast Colorado as a national historic site, has been, “Signed, sealed and delivered to the people of Colorado,” after President Bush signed the bill into law Tuesday.

“I am proud to have introduced this bill and pushed it through the Senate so swiftly. It is fitting that we commemorate the Native American tribal members who were killed at Sand Creek in a dispute with the U.S. Army in 1864,” Senator Allard said. “This is the right thing to do.”

The bill designates the 2,400 acres as a national historic site, which will be overseen by the National Park Service in partnership with the Northern and Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The legislation allows for land that is acquired from willing sellers to be placed in a tribal trust in order to facilitate long-term management of the park.

“I supported similar legislation in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress which passed in the Senate, and am glad we moved this through the Congress this year,” Senator Allard said. “This legislation will benefit all of Colorado, mark our history and protect a site that is not only historic but also sacred to the descendants of the individuals who were killed there.”

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave introduced companion legislation in the House. Both measures were approved last week.

Similar legislation introduced by former Colorado U.S. Senator Ben Campbell and Senator Allard was approved by the Senate last year, but failed to gain final approval in the House before the session ended.

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